



Our Christian Life and Ministry

MEETING WORKBOOK


Sample Conversations

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INITIAL CALL →

Question: How do we know that our suffering is not punishment from God?

Scripture: **Jas 1:13**

Link: Why do we suffer?




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FIRST RETURN VISIT →

Question: Why do we suffer?

Scripture: **1Jo 5:19**

Link: How does God feel about our suffering?




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SECOND RETURN VISIT

Question: How does God feel about our suffering?

Scripture: **Isa 63:9**

Link: What will God do to end our suffering?



- Song 50 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Display Godly Wisdom”:** (10 min.)
 Jas 3:17—Godly wisdom is pure and peaceable (cl 221-222 ¶9-10)
 Jas 3:17—Godly wisdom is reasonable, ready to obey, and full of mercy and good fruits (cl 223-224 ¶12; 224-225 ¶14-15)
 Jas 3:17—Godly wisdom is impartial and not hypocritical (cl 226-227 ¶18-19)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Jas 4:5—What scripture is James quoting? (w08 11/15 20 ¶6)

Jas 4:11, 12—How does someone who “speaks against a brother” speak “against law”? (w97 11/15 20-21 ¶8)

What has this week’s Bible reading taught you about Jehovah?

What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Jas 3:1-18 (5)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Apply Yourself to Reading and Teaching:** (10 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Modulation*, and then discuss study 10 of the *Teaching* brochure.
- **Talk:** (5 min. or less) w10 9/1 23-24—Theme: Why should we confess our sins, and to whom? (14)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 53
- **Local Needs:** (15 min.)
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) jy chap. 86 ¶8-17
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 125 and Prayer

JAMES 3-5 | Display Godly Wisdom



3:17

Jehovah’s wisdom is practical. For instance, it can help us to restore peace with fellow believers. If we have truly acquired godly wisdom, it will be evident in our conduct.

ASK YOURSELF: “Which of these aspects of godly wisdom have I displayed recently? How might I improve in displaying some of them?”

- Pure
- Peaceable
- Reasonable
- Ready to obey
- Full of mercy and good fruits
- Impartial
- Not hypocritical

- Song 29 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“You Must Be Holy”:** (10 min.)
[Play the video *Introduction to 1 Peter.*]
1Pe 1:14, 15—Our desires and conduct must be holy (w17.02 9 ¶5)
1Pe 1:16—We strive to imitate our holy God (lvs 77 ¶6)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
1Pe 1:10-12—How can we be diligent like the prophets and angels? (w08 11/15 21 ¶10)

1Pe 2:25—Who is the Supreme Overseer? (it-2 565 ¶3)

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- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) 1Pe 1:1-16 (10)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call Video:** (4 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (1)
- **Initial Call:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Overcome a common objection. (3)
- **Initial Call:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Offer a publication from our Teaching Toolbox. (9)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 28
- **Become Jehovah’s Friend—Be Neat and Clean:** (6 min.) Play the video (video category CHILDREN). Then invite selected young children to the stage, and ask them the following questions: How did Jehovah make a place for everything? How do hippos stay clean? Why should you clean your room?
- **“Jehovah Loves Clean People”:** (9 min.) Discussion. Play the video *God Loves Clean People* (video category FAMILY).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jj* chap. 87
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 39 and Prayer

1 PETER 1-2 | “You Must Be Holy”

1:14-16 

We must be holy, or clean, for Jehovah to accept our worship. What does it mean to be clean . . .



• spiritually?



• morally?



• physically?

- Song 14 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“The End of All Things Has Drawn Close”:** (10 min.)
 1Pe 4:7—“Be sound in mind, and be vigilant with a view to prayers” (w13 11/15 3 ¶1)
 1Pe 4:8—“Have intense love for one another” (w99 4/15 22 ¶3)
 1Pe 4:9—“Be hospitable to one another without grumbling” (w18.03 14-15 ¶2-3)

- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 1Pe 3:19, 20—When and how did Jesus preach to “the spirits in prison”? (w13 6/15 23)

1Pe 4:6—Who were “the dead” to whom “the good news was declared”? (w08 11/15 21 ¶8)

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What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) 1Pe 3:8-22 (10)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **First Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **First Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (6)
- **First Return Visit:** (5 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Then introduce and discuss (but do not play) the video *Why Study the Bible?* (8)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 137
- **“Chaste Conduct and Deep Respect Win Hearts”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Jehovah Strengthens Us to Carry Our Load* (video category INTERVIEWS AND EXPERIENCES).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jj* chap. 88 ¶1-11
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 61 and Prayer

1 PETER 3-5 | “The End of All Things Has Drawn Close”

4:7-9

We will soon face the greatest tribulation the world has ever seen. How can we keep spiritually strong now and into the future?

- Pray continually, using every form of prayer
- Develop intense love for our Christian brothers and sisters, drawing ever closer to them
- Show warm hospitality



ASK YOURSELF, ‘What are some practical ways that I can show intense love and warm hospitality to brothers and sisters locally and around the world?’



Chaste Conduct and Deep Respect Win Hearts

Wives who become believers often win their husbands over to the truth by their Christlike conduct. However, this may require enduring hardship for many years. (1Pe 2:21-23; 3:1, 2) If you are suffering unjustly, continue to conquer the evil with the good. (Ro 12:21) Your fine example may have a positive effect that words alone never could.

Try to look at matters from your mate's perspective. (Php 2:3, 4) Show empathy and compassion, and do your best to fulfill your own responsibilities honorably. Be a good listener. (Jas 1:19) Be patient, and assure your mate of your love. Even if your mate never shows you the same kindness and respect, you can rest assured that Jehovah appreciates your faithfulness.—1Pe 2:19, 20.



Chaste conduct and deep respect can also help if your mate is baptized but is not taking the lead spiritually. See the video *Encourage Your Mate "Without a Word"* (video category THE BIBLE).



WATCH THE VIDEO *JEHOVAH STRENGTHENS US TO CARRY OUR LOAD, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:*

- What was life like for Grace Li early on in her marriage?



- What attracted her to Bible truth?

- How did Sister Li persevere in the face of challenges after she was baptized?



- What was Sister Li's prayer regarding her husband?

- What blessings has Sister Li enjoyed because of her chaste conduct and deep respect?



Chaste conduct and deep respect are powerful!

- Song 114 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Keep Close in Mind the Presence of the Day of Jehovah”:** (10 min.)
[Play the video *Introduction to 2 Peter.*]
2Pe 3:9, 10—Jehovah’s day will come right on time (w06 12/15 27 ¶11)
2Pe 3:11, 12—We need to consider the kind of people we should be (w06 12/15 19 ¶18)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
2Pe 1:19—Who is the “daystar,” when did he rise, and how do we come to know that this happened? (w08 11/15 22 ¶2)

2Pe 2:4—What is “Tartarus,” and when were the rebellious angels thrown into it? (w08 11/15 22 ¶3)

What has this week’s Bible reading taught you about Jehovah?

What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) 2Pe 1:1-15 (5)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Second Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **Second Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (7)
- **Bible Study:** (5 min. or less) *bhs* 154-155 ¶3-4 (13)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 96
- **“How Much Do You Treasure God’s Word?”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *They Valued the Bible—Excerpt (William Tyndale)* (video category THE BIBLE).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jy* chap. 88 ¶12-19
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 49 and Prayer

2 PETER 1-3 | “Keep Close in Mind the Presence of the Day of Jehovah”

3:11, 12

Jehovah will quickly execute justice at his appointed time. Do our actions show that we are ready for Jehovah’s coming day?

What does it mean to be involved “in holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion”?

- We must be morally clean and stand up for our faith
- We must regularly participate in spiritual activities, both in public and in private



How can I show that I am keeping Jehovah’s day close in mind?

How Much Do You Treasure God’s Word?

The Bible contains the thoughts and sayings of Jehovah God, the Author of this sacred book. (2Pe 1:20, 21) By emphasizing the vindication of God’s sovereignty by means of his Kingdom, the Bible offers to all mankind the hope that better days will soon be here. The Bible also reveals the loving personality of our heavenly Father, Jehovah.—Ps 86:15.

Each of us values Jehovah’s Word for different reasons. But do we show that we treasure this precious gift by reading it every day and then applying it in our life? May our actions prove that we share the psalmist’s feelings: “How I do love your law!” —Ps 119:97.

WATCH THE VIDEO *THEY VALUED THE BIBLE—EXCERPT (WILLIAM TYNDALE)*, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Why did William Tyndale translate portions of the Bible?

- Why were his efforts to translate the Bible so remarkable?

- How were copies of Tyndale’s Bible smuggled into England?

- How can each of us show that we treasure God’s Word?



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FOR MEDITATION: How is God’s Word like . . .

- a lamp and a light?—Ps 119:105
- water?—Eph 5:26
- a sword?—Eph 6:17
- a mirror?—Jas 1:23-25

READ GOD’S WORD DAILY

Have you tried using the *Schedule for Bible Reading* that appears on jw.org? The PDF of the schedule takes you directly to jw.org and the passage of Scripture that you want to read. If audio recordings are available in your language, you can also access these from jw.org.



Jehovah Loves Clean People

“Wash your hands. Clean your room. Sweep the floor. Take out the trash.” Many parents teach their children how to stay clean physically. However, the principles of cleanliness originate with our holy God. (Ex 30:18-20; De 23:14; 2Co 7:1) When we keep our body and belongings clean, we honor Jehovah. (1Pe 1:14-16) What about our home and surroundings? In contrast to people who toss litter on roads and in parks, Christians do their best to keep their earthly home clean. (Ps 115:16; Re 11:18) Even small things, such as how we dispose of candy wrappers, soda cans, or chewing gum, could reveal our attitude toward cleanliness. In every aspect of life, we want to “recommend ourselves as God’s ministers.”—2Co 6:3, 4.



WATCH THE VIDEO *GOD LOVES CLEAN PEOPLE*, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What excuses might some make for not keeping their belongings clean?
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- How did the Mosaic Law reveal Jehovah’s view of cleanliness?
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- How can we give a silent witness for Jehovah?
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How can I reflect Jehovah’s view of cleanliness in my personal life?



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